

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 6061–6070; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 883–884, were introduced. **Page H1470**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1470–71**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Yarmuth to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1441**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1446**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H1456**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Condemning continued violence against civilians by armed groups in the Central African Republic and supporting efforts to achieve a lasting political solution to the conflict: H. Res. 387, amended, condemning continued violence against civilians by armed groups in the Central African Republic and supporting efforts to achieve a lasting political solution to the conflict, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 81; **Pages H1448–50, H1456–57**

Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act: H.R. 4508, amended, to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women under the Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 82; and **Pages H1450–52, H1457–58**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States condemns all forms of violence against children globally and recognizes the harmful impacts of violence against children: H. Res. 230, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States condemns all forms of violence against children globally and recognizes the harmful impacts of violence against children. **Pages H1454–56**

Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 1822, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, as amended by Representative Pallone. **Pages H1458–64**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act: S. 1678, amended, to express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world. **Pages H1452–54**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1448.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1456–57 and H1457–58. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Gallery of Art. Testimony was heard from Kaywin Feldman, Director, National Gallery of Art.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Mark Green, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

REDUCING CHILD POVERTY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Reducing Child Poverty". Testimony was heard from Autumn Burke, Assemblywoman, 62nd Assembly District, State Assembly, California; and public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled "Member Day". Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky and Graves of Louisiana.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Perry, González Colón of Puerto Rico, Hagedorn, Schrier, and Rodney Davis of Illinois.

MILITARY PRIVATIZED HOUSING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Military Privatized Housing”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth A. Field, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; Pete Potochney, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment), Office of the Secretary of Defense; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OFFICERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the House Officers. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. House of Representatives officials: Paul D. Irving, House Sergeant at Arms; Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk; Phil Kiko, Chief Administrative Officer; E. Wade Ballou, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel; Douglas N. Letter, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Michael T. Ptasienski, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General; and Ralph V. Seep, Law Revision Counsel, Office of the Law Revision Counsel.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY APPLIED ENERGY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Energy Applied Energy Programs. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Rita Baranwal, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy; Alexander Gates, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response; Daniel Simmons, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Bruce Walker, Assistant Secretary for Electricity; and Steven Winberg, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy.

NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “National Guard/Reserves”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General David G. Bellon, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; General Joseph L. Lengyel, Chief of the National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Charles Luckey, Chief of the Army Reserve; Vice Admiral Luke McCollum,

Chief of the Navy Reserve; and Lieutenant General Richard W. Scobee, Chief of the Air Force Reserve.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Army”. Testimony was heard from Ryan McCarthy, Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army; and General James McConville, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 AIR FORCE AND SPACE FORCE READINESS POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2021 Air Force and Space Force Readiness Posture”. Testimony was heard from Shon J. Manasco, Acting Under Secretary of the Air Force, Department of the Air Force; General Stephen W. Wilson, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and Lieutenant General David D. Thompson, Vice Commander, Headquarters, U.S. Space Force.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET REQUEST FOR NUCLEAR FORCES AND ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request for Nuclear Forces and Atomic Energy Defense Activities”. Testimony was heard from Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; Victorino Mercado, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Department of Defense; Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, Department of the Navy; Lieutenant Gen Richard Clark, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Department of the Air Force; and Allison Bawden, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office.

COMBATTING AN EPIDEMIC: LEGISLATION TO HELP PATIENTS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Combating an Epidemic: Legislation to Help Patients with Substance Use Disorders”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Brett P. Giroir, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health and Senior Adviser to the Secretary on Opioid Policy, Department of Health and Human Services; Kimberly Brandt, Principal Deputy Administrator

for Policy and Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas W. Prevoznik, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

BUILDING A 100 PERCENT CLEAN ECONOMY: ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY'S ROLE IN A DECARBONIZED FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled "Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Advanced Nuclear Technology's Role in a Decarbonized Future". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

50 YEARS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY: STRENGTHENING THE NPT IN THE FACE OF IRANIAN AND NORTH KOREAN NONPROLIFERATION CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation; and Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a joint hearing entitled "50 Years of the Non-Proliferation Treaty: Strengthening the NPT in the Face of Iranian and North Korean Nonproliferation Challenges". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A Review of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security". Testimony was heard from Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Government Publishing Office". Testimony was heard from the following Government Publishing Office officials: Laurie Hall, Superintendent of Documents; Hugh Halpern, Director; and Michael P. Leary, Inspector General.

ARTICLE I: CONSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Article I: Constitutional Perspectives on

the Responsibility and Authority of the Legislative Branch" [Original Jurisdiction Hearing]. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTH DAKOTA V. WAYFAIR, INC.: ONLINE SALES TAXES AND THEIR IMPACT ON MAIN STREET

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a hearing entitled "South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.: Online Sales Taxes and their Impact on Main Street". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE AIRLINE PASSENGER EXPERIENCE: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT CAN BE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled "The Airline Passenger Experience: What it Is and What It Can Be". Testimony was heard from Andrew Von Ah, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

THE SILVER TSUNAMI: IS VA READY?

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The Silver Tsunami: is VA Ready?". Testimony was heard from Nikki Clowers, Managing Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Teresa Boyd, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Veterans' Health Administration; Scotte Hartronft, Executive Director, Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care, Veterans' Health Administration; and Elyse Kaplan, Deputy Director, Caregiver Support Program, Veterans' Health Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget. The Views and Estimates Letter was adopted, without amendment.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET WITH TREASURY SECRETARY STEVEN MNUCHIN

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin". Testimony was heard from Steven Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Certain, American Ex-Prisoners of War, San Antonio, Texas; David Zurfluh, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Ruston, Washington; Jared Lyon, Student Veterans of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Crystal Wenum, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Hudson, Wisconsin; Commander Rene A. Campos, USN (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Annapolis, Maryland; Donna M. Jansky, Fleet Reserve Association, Peabody, Massachusetts; and Jeremy Butler, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D167)

H.R. 504, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers. Signed on March 2, 2020. (Public Law 116-116)

S. 375, to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments. Signed on March 2, 2020. (Public Law 116-117)

S.J. Res. 65, providing for the reappointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on March 2, 2020. (Public Law 116-118)

S.J. Res. 67, providing for the reappointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on March 2, 2020. (Public Law 116-119)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and

justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense review of vetting policies for international military students following the attack on Naval Air Station Pensacola, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine 5G supply chain security, focusing on threats and solutions, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, to hold hearings to examine the role of global aviation in containing the spread of infectious disease, focusing on coronavirus, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine the impact of invasive species on Bureau of Reclamation facilities and management of water resources in the West, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1863, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the sites associated with the life and legacy of the noted American philanthropist and business executive Julius Rosenwald, with a special focus on the Rosenwald Schools, S. 1910, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park, S. 1969, to authorize the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, S. 2206, to express the sense of Congress regarding restoration and maintenance of the Mardasson Memorial in Bastogne, Belgium, S. 2340, to establish the Cahokia Mounds Mississippian Culture National Historical Park in the States of Illinois and Missouri, S. 2827, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. African-American Burial Grounds Network, S. 2924, to establish the Bandelier National Park and Preserve in the State of New Mexico, S. 3098, to redesignate the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site as the "Jimmy Carter National Historical Park", S. 3119, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, S. 3121, to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, S. 3265, to redesignate the Weir Farm National Historic Site in the State of Connecticut as the "Weir Farm National Historical Park", S. 3331, to modify the boundary of the Rocky Mountain National Park, H.R. 182, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, and H.R. 1472,